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OKANAGAN SENATE

MINUTES OF 10 SEPTEMBER 2008

Attendance

Present: Deputy Vice-Chancellor Dr. D. Oworm (Vice-Chair), Mr. B. Silzer (AVP and Registrar), Dr. A. S. Abd-El-Aziz (Provost), Mr. P. Arthur, Mr. G. August, Dean B. Bauer, Dean R. Belton, Ms. S. Bertrand, Ms. M. Burton, Mr. N. Cadger, Dr. J. Castricano, Mr. R. Chavarie, Dr. J. Cheng, Dr. J. Cioe, Dr. F. de Scally, Mr. C. Devenish, Dr. M. Duran-Cogan, Dr. A. Joy, Dr. D. Keyes, Mr. M. Koovisk, Ms. R. L'Orsa, Dr. R. Lalonde, Mr. G. Lepp, Dr. C. Mitton, Acting Dean C. Mathieson, Dr. B. Nilson, Dr. B. O'Connor, Dr. G. Pandher, Ms. L. Patterson, Dr. M. Rheault, Dr. C. Robinson, Acting Dean K. Rush, Dr. C. Scarff, Dr. B. Schulz-Cruz, Dean I. Stuart, Mr. R. Whitehouse, Dr. S. Yannacopoulos

Guests: Ms. L. M. Collins (Associate Secretary), Mr. C. Eaton, Ms. D. Robinson, Mr. F. Vogt

Regrets: President S. J. Toope, Dean R. Campbell, Acting Dean S. Cockcroft, Ms. L. Driscoll, Dr. J. Gustar, Ms. C. Kuhn, Dr. G. Lovegrove, Dr. S. McCoubrey, Mr. B. Steinberg, Ms. V. Lymberopoulos, Ms. G. Zilm

Recording Secretary: Ms. K. Ross

Call to Order

Vice-Chair Dr. Doug Oworm called the Senate to order in the absence of the President.

Agenda

The Agenda was accepted by consent.

Senate Membership – Mr. Brian Silzer

The Secretary had circulated a Senate membership list. Members introduced themselves.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

Mr. Silzer announced that the following faculty and student members had been acclaimed as elected as members of the Nominating Committee.

Dr. J. Cioe

Dr. M. Duran-Cogan

Mr. M. Koovisk

Ms. T. Palynchuk

Dr. G. Pandher

Ms. L. Patterson

Dr. C. Scarff

Minutes of the Previous Meeting, 15 May 2008

Moved: Dr. Cioe

Seconded: Dr. Abd-El-Aziz

That the minutes of the Okanagan Senate Meeting of 15 May 2008 be adopted as presented.

Carried.

Business Arising from the Minutes

None.

Vice-Chair's Remarks and Related Questions

Student Residences

The Deputy Vice-Chancellor reported the completion of the second phase of the student residences. He enthusiastically noted that the new town home units will be a great addition especially for graduate students who can be housed together in the four bedrooms, shared kitchen, living room and bathroom apartment. The Deputy Vice-Chancellor stated that a third phase of student residence has begun with a scheduled

completion date of 1 September 2009. He summarized that the campus would have 1,300 beds as compared to the 250 beds that the campus began with in 2005/2006.

New Buildings

Deputy Vice-Chancellor Dr. Owram noted his appreciation for the patience of those faculty members encountering challenges associated with the finalization of the new Fipke Building. He explained that occupancy of that building was given to the University just one week prior to the first day of classes, which resulted in a rush for IT Services to install wiring, etc.; he added that access to the third floor of the building would be soon. The Deputy Vice-Chancellor remained optimistic that the Fipke Building would be a great addition to the campus.

The Deputy Vice-Chancellor noted that the University has accepted a tender for the Arts and Sciences II Building, which had met Board approval. He noted that the Deputy Vice-Chancellor's Office is awaiting tenders for the Engineering and Management Building.

UBC Okanagan Enrolment

Deputy Vice-Chancellor Dr. Owram stated that enrolment is at approximately 5,402 students although the official number would be known by the first of November. He noted that enrolment has grown from the official number of 4,800 students enrolled in 2007; the number of FTE remains unknown. The Deputy Vice-Chancellor showed that national recruitment efforts have been expanded at this time due to little growth in high school demographics in the Okanagan. He added that the number of graduate students at UBC Okanagan has grown to 300 and the percentage of international students had also increased. The Deputy Vice-Chancellor noted his optimism for the growth in enrolment from 2007.

Provincial Budget

The Deputy Vice-Chancellor had little news to report on the provincial budget other than that conversations continue with the government. He noted that budget planning without actual budget numbers remains a challenge although he remained hopeful.

As noted by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Premier Gordon Campbell visited UBC Okanagan; he announced that nearly \$100 million in provincial government funding would allow for the construction of three major new projects on campus. Please visit: <http://web.ubc.ca/okanagan/publicaffairs/news/2008/feat-08-003.html>

Discussion

In response to queries from Dr. Cioe, the Deputy Vice-Chancellor stated that challenges with the Fipke Building have prompted lessons including early contingency planning and the inclusion of accountability timelines for contractors. He added that the insertion of penalty clauses would be considered for future building contracts. The Deputy Vice-Chancellor stated that the demand for student residences would be met with the finalization of phase three (3).

Dr. Najjaran asked whether UBC Okanagan had the infrastructure to support the target enrolment increase of 900 additional students per year and whether this number is reasonable. The Deputy Vice-Chancellor stated that the formula set by the provincial government was a 20:1 ratio (student to faculty). He added that should the Okanagan campus reach 6,500 students then excess capacity would be experienced. The Deputy Vice-Chancellor emphasized that the goal is to meet those targets set by the provincial government until 2009; he added that programs has been designed for a 7,500 student campus. The Deputy Vice-Chancellor added the building expansions would parallel growth in student enrolment.

In response to a question from Dr. Duran-Cogan, the Deputy Vice-Chancellor stated that the transition from various BC provincial colleges into universities have not indicated that monies provided by the government to UBC Okanagan would change, (please see <http://www.aved.gov.bc.ca/institutions/welcome.htm>).

In response to a question from Dr. Johnson, the Deputy Vice-Chancellor noted that due to ongoing discussions with the BC Provincial Government that, the President and the Chair of the Board of Governors remain optimistic that the projected \$10 million decrease in monies may be excessive.

Nominating Committee

Senator Committee Assignments

The Committee Chair Dr. Robert Lalonde recommended the following motions to Senate. He noted that, in all cases Student Senators were given their first or second Senate Standing Committee preferences.

Moved: Dr. Lalonde

Seconded: Dr. Cioe

That the following standing committee appointments be made as listed:

Academic Policy Committee

That Dr. Bernard Bauer, Dr. Jan Cioe, Dr. James Johnson, Dr. Annamma Joy, Dr. Robert Lalonde, and Dr. Spiro Yannacopoulos be appointed to the Academic Policy Committee as Faculty Representative until 31 August 2011 and thereafter until replaced.

Admissions and Awards Committee

That Dr. Sharon McCoubrey, Dr. Hodayoun Najjaran, Dr. Mark Rheault, and Dr. Carole Robinson be appointed to the Admissions and Awards Committee as Faculty Representative until 31 August 2011 and thereafter until replaced.

Appeals of Standing and Discipline Committee

That Mr. Neil Cadger, Dr. Fes De Scally, Ms. Laura Patterson, and Dr. Bernard Schulz-Cruz be appointed to the Appeals of Standing and Discipline Committee as Faculty Representative until 31 August 2011 and thereafter until replaced.

Curriculum Committee

That Dr. Bob Belton, Dr. Julian Cheng, Dr. Carl Hodge, Dr. Cynthia Mathieson, and Dr. Gurupdes Pandher be appointed to the Curriculum Committee as Faculty Representative until 31 August 2011 and thereafter until replaced.

Learning and Research Committee

That Mr. Peter Arthur, Dr. Jodey Castricano, Dr. Brian O'Connor, and Dr. Jennifer Gustar be appointed to the Learning and Research Committee as Faculty Representative until 31 August 2011 and thereafter until replaced.

The above motions were carried by consent.

Policies and Procedures Committee

The Committee Chair Dr. Daniel Keyes presented the report on Special Leave of Absence for Senators Steinberg and Kuhn.

Moved: Dr. Keyes
Seconded: Dr. Lalonde

That the Senate refer to the Agenda Committee the following matters for consideration and recommendation to Senate as appropriate:

- 1. If Senators Kuhn and Steinberg should be granted leave from their Senate responsibilities during Term 1 of the 2008/2009 Winter Session, as per their respective requests; and*
- 2. Senate representation during leaves of absence and whether mechanisms can be developed to ensure optimal levels of participation on Senate at all times by representatives of various constituencies.*

Discussion

Mr. Koovisk inquired to whether the Committee discussed the inclusion of a report back date from the Agenda Committee for this item. Dr. Keyes noted that if the Senate agreed then a specific date could be added to the motion. Dr. Lalonde expressed his opinion that since the membership of the Agenda Committee is unknown and that the Committee should be given leniency on reporting back. The Deputy Vice-Chancellor noted that the Senate would be required to make a decision soon after the October Senate as students

may be absent from Senate for two consecutive months prior to requiring a formal leave decision. Mr. Eaton advised that granting retroactive leave is possible and that the Agenda Committee could make a recommendation to the Senate in November that would be effective in October.

The briefly Senate discussed the merit of granting leave to Senators Steinberg and Kuhn;. Dr. Keyes added that in the situation of the Senators in question, one student was acclaimed to the Senate and the other was elected trailing by a candidate with only 100 less. Dr. Lalonde expressed that this is an issue of student representation as these seats are currently vacant. Mr. Whitehouse asked whether the two seats would remain vacant should the Senators not be granted leave by the Agenda Committee. Dr. Cioe reminded Senators, given that Senator Steinberg and Kuhn have not resigned from the Senate their seats remain legitimately vacant until after the October Senate meeting. The Deputy Vice-Chancellor noted that should leave not be granted by the Agenda Committee then the two vacant Senate seats would likely be filled immediately thereafter.

The motion was put and carried.

Curriculum Committee

The Acting Committee Chair, Dean Bernard Bauer presented the report on behalf of the Committee.

See also, 'Appendix A: Curriculum Summary.'

Moved: Dean Bauer

Seconded: Dr. Yannacopoulos

That Senate approve the new graduate courses brought forward by the Faculty of Applied Science, as set out in the attached package.

The motion was put and carried.

Admissions and Awards Committee

The Acting Committee Chair, Dean Stuart recommended the following reports as listed.

BC PROVINCIAL EXAMS FOR ADULT BASIC EDUCATION (ABE)

The Committee had circulated the proposed Calendar entry that removed the requirement for BC final provincial exams for Adult Basic Education (ABE) Courses effective for the 2009 admission to UBC. This admission change would align the policy with the requirements for BC high school graduates, for whom the final provincial examinations will no longer be required.

Moved: Dean Stuart

Seconded: Mr. Koovisk

That Senate approve the revised calendar entry to remove the requirement for BC final provincial exams for Adult Basic Education (ABE) Courses first effective for the 2009 admission to UBC.

Carried.

BACHELOR OF SOCIAL WORK PROGRAM

The Committee had circulated the proposed requirements that 60 credits of arts and sciences courses must be completed prior to admission to the Bachelor of Social Work program.

Moved: Dean Stuart
Seconded: Mr. Koovisk

That Senate approve the proposed changes to admission requirements for the Bachelor of Social Work Program to reflect that a minimum of 60 credits of general university transfer must be completed prior to entry to the Bachelor of Social Work program, first effective for students entering in 2009.

Amendment by Consent

In response to a suggestion from Dean Bauer, the following sentence on page 3 was revised to read (change in bold): “Applicants who have completed a two-year human service, social service, or other relevant diploma for admission **must** apply for admission to Arts or Science. You may then apply to transfer to the B.S.W. upon completion of the required 60 general university credits.”

The motion to approve the amended Calendar entry was put and carried.

BC ENGLISH 12 FIRST PEOPLES

The Committee had circulated a proposed Calendar entry that would permit students to present English 12 First Peoples as an alternative to English 12 as an approved examinable course for admission.

Moved: Dean Stuart
Seconded: Mr. Koovisk

That Senate approve the proposed changes to UBC Okanagan admission requirements to English 12 First Peoples for students admitted to UBC Okanagan for September 1, 2009 and thereafter.

Carried.

Report from the Deputy Vice-Chancellor

Respectful Environment

The Deputy Vice-Chancellor presented for information the UBC Statement on Respectful Environment for Students, Faculty and Staff by stating that the statement articulates the principle and the commitment to recognize and respect the dignity of others.

Moved: Dr. Cioe
Seconded: Ms. Burton

That Senate receive for information the UBC Respectful Environmental Statement.

Discussion

Dr. Cioe commented positively on aspects of the statement; Dean Stuart asked what support services exist on campus should a harassment situation arise. The Deputy Vice-Chancellor replied that various avenues including Human Resources, Legal Counsel, Equity Office at UBC all operate from a common policy.

The motion was put and carried.

Other Business

None.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:30pm.

The following regular meeting was scheduled to be held on Wednesday 08 October at 3:30 pm to 5:30 pm in Library 317.

APPENDIX A: CURRICULUM SUMMARY

Faculty of Applied Science

COURSES: New Graduate

- a. APSC 572: Environmental Engineering Laboratory
- b. APSC 573: Bridge Engineering
- c. APSC 576: FRP for Construction and Repair of Structures
- d. APSC 577: Pre-stressed Concrete
- e. APSC 578: Earthquake Engineering
- f. APSC 579: Strengthening and Rehabilitation of Concrete Structures